Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 03 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 04 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 at 15:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for staying cold and mostly dry on Sunday. Moderate for extent of snow showers and wind strength on Monday. High for generally fine settled conditions on Tuesday. Low confidence for timing of milder, stormy conditions Wednesday or Thursday.

Headline for Sunday 03 Dec 2023: Cold dry and sunny.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Weather: Dry but bitterly cold under clear skies through the early hours. Then a cold, crisp sunny day. Cloud builds over Easter Ross and Caithness in the evening, but largely clear skies towards the west coast.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% or more, falling to 20% across eastern hills late evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good visibility with no cloud expected on the hills during the day. Cloud builds above 700m across Easter Ross and Caithness hills in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/6 E	7/9 E	9/12 E	10/13 E	12/16 E	13/16 E	17/22 E	17/23 E	18/24 E
900	4/6 E	6/8 E	9/12 E	10/13 E	12/16 E	13/16 E	17/22 E	17/22 E	18/24 E
600	3/4 SE	5/6 E	7/9 E	8/11 E	9/14 E	8/12 E	10/16 E	9/15 E	10/17 E
300	2/5 E	3/7 E	4/9 E	5/11 E	6/12 E	4/11 E	5/14 E	5/15 E	5/16 E
Glen	2/4 E	4/5 E	5/7 E	7/11 E	7/11 E	7/11 E	8/15 E	8/15 NE	6/14 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-8	-5/-9	-5/-10	-6/-11	-5/-11	-5/-11	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-12
900	-4/-7	-4/-8	-5/-10	-5/-10	-5/-10	-4/-10	-5/-12	-5/-12	-4/-11
600	-3/-5	-3/-6	-3/-7	-3/-7	-2/-7	-2/-7	-3/-8	-3/-8	-2/-7
300	-2/-4	-2/-5	-3/-5	-3/-6	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-5
Glen	-2/-4	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-4	1/-2	0/-3	-0/-4	0/-4	0/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Another fine winter's day on the hills, but even moderate winds will give a significant chill. Note freezing level rising to around 400m over Caithness in the evening.

Forecast for Monday 04 Dec 2023

Weather: Dry with clear then sunny spells and patchy cloud along the west coast. Elsewhere cloudy with scattered snow showers, cloud most extensive across Easter Ross, Caithness and Sutherland. Showers most frequent and occasionally heavy across Easter Ross and Caithness.

Maximum wind: Northeast 15 gusting 20-25 mph, but occasionally gust 30 mph in the south of the area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60-70% near the west coast. 10% or less in the east.

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility good or very good outside of patchy low cloud in the west, with bases around 800-1000m. Very poor visibility in the east with persistent cloud down to 300m, occasionally lower.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400-600m. Dropping to 200-400m late evening.

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